

***In the Claims***

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1        1.     [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid  
2        chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local  
3        enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to  
4        select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps  
5        of:

6                establishing a communication link with an external  
7                enterprise catalog computer system to build an  
8                appropriate chart of accounts in an electronic storage  
9                device for a given company;

10               transmitting from said enterprise catalog computer  
11               system a chart of accounts with descriptions to a  
12               requisition catalog computer system database in a local  
13               enterprise specified format;

14               administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
15               computer system database valid accounts with  
16               descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period  
17               for said given company, said description mapping  
18               general ledger account codes selected by said  
19               administrator to a given commodity code from an  
20               associated accounting computer system for use by a  
21               requester said requisitioner to select the correct  
22               general ledger account when doing financial validation  
23               on a requisition for said commodities;

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24 administrator then associating a selected  
25 account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
26 for use in a requisition creation process;

27 upon said requester selecting a commodity from a  
28 commodity description document presenting said  
29 commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting  
30 process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial  
31 worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers  
32 and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner;  
33 and

34 thereupon said requisitioner selecting and populating  
35 fields in said financial worksheet necessary to the  
36 creation of valid requisition with properly designated  
37 general ledger accounting entries.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and  
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and  
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document  
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a  
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long

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6 description, key words, approvers, financial  
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable  
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
11 process, which displays line items which may be  
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with  
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by  
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
18 said requisitioner.

4-14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Withdrawn] A computer program product for creating a  
2 valid chart of accounts from which an administrator of a  
3 local enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner  
4 to select a valid general ledger account, said computer  
5 program product comprising:

6 a computer readable medium;

7 first program instructions to establish a communication  
8 link with an external enterprise catalog computer  
9 system to build an appropriate chart of accounts for a  
10 given company;

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11 second program instructions to transmit from said  
12 enterprise catalog system a chart of accounts with  
13 descriptions to a requisition catalog computer system  
14 database;

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16 third program instructions to enable an administrator  
17 to select from said requisition catalog computer system  
18 database valid accounts with descriptions for a given  
19 commodity and purchase period, said description mapping  
20 account codes selected by said administrator to a given  
21 commodity code from an associated accounting computer  
22 system for use by a requester at a computer terminal to  
23 select a correct general ledger account when doing  
24 financial validation on a requisition for said  
25 commodities;

26 fourth program instructions to enable said  
27 administrator to then associate a selected  
28 account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
29 for use in a requisition creation process; and

30 fifth program instructions, responsive to said  
31 requester selecting a commodity from a commodity  
32 description document, to present said commodity codes,  
33 initiate a proceed to accounting process, and to  
34 present to said requisitioner a financial worksheet  
35 with valid general ledger accounts numbers and  
36 descriptions for selection by said requisitioner; and  
37 wherein

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38           said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program  
39           instructions are recorded on said medium.

1       16.   [Canceled]

2       17.   [Withdrawn]   The computer program product of claim 15,  
3       further comprising:

4           sixth program instructions to enable said administrator  
5           to create a company commodity document including for  
6           each commodity code under each company, a commodity  
7           category code, a short description, a long description,  
8           key words, approvers, financial information, route-to  
9           buyer by plant association, preferred supplier, and  
10          special handling codes all usable for enabling customer  
11          selection of a correct commodity;

12          seventh program instructions responsive to said  
13          requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
14          process, to display at a computer terminal line items  
15          which may be selected by said requisitioner; and

16          eighth program instructions to display at said computer  
17          terminal an agent created financial worksheet with  
18          fields which need to be selected or populated by  
19          requisitioner derived from said company commodity  
20          document, based on purchase type, thereby presenting  
21          valid general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions  
22          to said requisitioner at said computer terminal; and  
23          wherein

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24           said sixth, seventh, and eighth program instructions  
25           are recorded on said medium.

1       18. [Withdrawn] The computer program product of claim 15,  
2       further comprising:

3           sixth program instructions responsive to said  
4           requisitioner searching against commodities and  
5           catalogs in commodity description documents to create  
6           one or more line items; and wherein

7           said sixth program instructions are recorded on said  
8           medium.

1       19. [Withdrawn] The computer program of claim 18 further  
2       comprising:

3           seventh program instructions for enabling said  
4           administrator to create a company commodity document  
5           including for each commodity code under each company, a  
6           commodity category code, a short description, a long  
7           description, key words, approvers, financial  
8           information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
9           preferred supplier, and special handling codes all  
10          usable for enabling customer selection of a correct  
11          commodity;

12          eighth program instructions responsive to said  
13          requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
14          process to display line items which may be selected by

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15           said requisitioner; and

16           ninth program instructions to display at said computer  
17           terminal an agent created financial worksheet with  
18           fields which need to be selected or populated by said  
19           requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
20           based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
21           general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
22           said requisitioner; and wherein

23           said seventh, eighth, and ninth program instructions  
24           are recorded on said medium.

1       20. [Previously presented] The method of claim 3, further  
2       comprising the steps of:

3           displaying to said administrator an accounting computer  
4           system generated chart of accounts, said chart  
5           including for each account an account identifier and  
6           commodity description;

7           responsive to administrator selection, associating a  
8           selected commodity description and account identifier  
9           with a company commodity group document together with  
10          information enabling said requisitioner to select a  
11          correct commodity.

1       21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said  
2       information including commodity description, approvers,  
3       general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred

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4 supplier.

1 22-23. [Canceled]

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